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9	Chm/NIC	X			
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12	Compt		X		
13	D/OLL		X		
14	D/PAO	X			
15	D/PERS				
16	VC/NIC				
17	C/ACIS/DI		X		
18	D/OSWR/DI		X		
19	NIO/SP		X		
20	NIO/USSR		X		
21	D/SOVA/DI		X		
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Remarks D/PAO should be focal point for this.
 4, 5 & 9 should consult with him re how this
 requirement will be met. Further, D/ICS needs to
 make sure other IC agencies are aware
 upon arrangements.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLAS PLATT
Executive Secretary
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MR. WILLIAM STAPLES
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Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT: Press Contact on NST Issues (C)

It has become increasingly apparent recently how much damage has been done by unidentified and unauthorized disclosures on issues concerning the Geneva Nuclear and Space Talks (NST). The consensus of the community is that strengthened procedures are required in order to maintain our ability to develop sound negotiating positions, uphold the confidentiality of the negotiating process and negotiate effectively with the Soviet Union. As we continue our efforts to have the Soviets engage seriously in seeking deep, equitable and verifiable arms reductions, the challenge to maintain the privacy of interagency discussions of issues becomes ever more critical. (C)

This has been discussed in considerable detail with members of the Senior Arms Control Group, who have agreed that greater interagency coordination is needed in regard to such media contacts. To ensure this coordination, all those involved with NST issues should coordinate with the NSC Staff all contacts with the media, electronic or print, which could potentially involve any NST issues. The point of contact is Paul Hanley, telephone 456-6536. All media requests should be reported immediately upon receipt by telephone to his office together with the specific substantive focus of the request and your suggested guidance on handling. No agreement to such a request should be communicated

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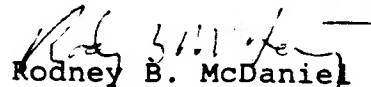
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until final guidance is received from the NSC. The NSC will provide definitive guidance as far in advance of the event as possible. Finally, once an approved interview has taken place and in order to stay abreast of the pattern of media interest, it is requested that the NSC be informed of any additional subjects (other than those originally notified) of interest to the interviewer. (C)

Further comments on community efforts to strengthen the clearance and guidance process on arms control issues are welcomed. (C)


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Executive Secretary

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